



## Summer Food Service Program



## Bulletin

### Child Nutrition Programs

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### USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. SFSP18-2014 – Disaster Response
2. SFSP19-2014 – Area Eligibility Using Census Data

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

### Additional Topics

- Farm Fresh Foods in Summer Meals (*attached*)
- Claims Tutorial and Calendar (*attached*)

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**Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.**

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1. SFSP18-2014 – **Disaster Response** This memorandum supersedes SFSP 10-2012, Disaster Response and provides an overview of ways State agencies and sponsors participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) can respond to situations resulting from damage or disruptions due to natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods as well as other exceptional emergency situations or man-made disasters. Please contact Alaska Child Nutrition Programs prior to responding to an emergency.
2. SFSP19-2014 – **Area Eligibility Using Census Data** The purpose of this memorandum is to provide new information regarding the availability of census data used to establish area eligibility in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This memorandum includes recently clarified flexibility in using census data for area eligibility determinations and therefore supersedes SFSP 15-2014, Area Eligibility Using Census Data, April 21, 2014.

Occasionally, a potential CACFP day care home or SFSP or SSO site is determined not to be area eligible, but is located immediately adjacent to an eligible area. This proximity suggests that the children residing in the area from which the homes or site would most likely draw participants would have a likelihood of similar census demographics. In recognizing that likelihood and allowing additional flexibility in the use of census data to establish area eligibility, we can ensure area eligibility determinations accurately identify areas in which poor economic conditions exist. Therefore, CACFP

day care homes and SFSP and SSO sites may be determined area eligible using either CBG's or Census Tracts. Census Tracts are geographical units that consist of one or more CBGs.

## Additional Topics

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- **Farm Fresh Foods in Summer Meals** We know that many of you strive to bring the farm to your summer meals programs. The USDA is looking for Sponsors to share their stories about bringing the farm to SFSP. For a chance to spread the word about your work, take a minute to share an anecdote and it could be highlighted in a special USDA blog post, a shout out through Twitter, or list your program on the USDA SFSP website to be shared with the nation as a best practice in improving summer meals and engaging kids and teens in farm to school during the summer time. See the attached "*Bringing the Farm to Summer Meals*" E-Letter email for more information and contact Alexis Hall at [alexis.hall@alaska.gov](mailto:alexis.hall@alaska.gov) if you'd like to share a Farm to Summer Meals story.
- **Claims Tutorial and Calendar** Attached you will find the CNP Web Claims Tutorial and Claim Calendar. Please remember that claims are due no later than 60 days after the last day of the claiming period.

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### Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program  
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs  
WRO – Western Region Office  
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services  
FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office  
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture  
SA – State Agency  
DEC – Department of Conservation  
LEA – Local Education Agency



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